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**2012 Kuskokwim River Salmon Fishery News Release 29
Kuskokwim River Subdistrict 1-A to open for Commercial Salmon Fishing**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for subsistence and commercial salmon fishermen in the Kuskokwim Management Area.

Subdistrict 1-A

Subdistrict 1-A within District 1 will open to commercial salmon fishing for 6 hours from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2012.

Processing capacity for this commercial fishing period is limited. Fishermen are reminded to register with Kuskokwim Seafoods (543-5700) prior to fishing.

The hours for subsistence closures adjacent to periods of commercial fishing on the Kuskokwim River are 6 hours before, during, and 3 hours after commercial fishing. Therefore, from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, subsistence salmon fishing in the Kuskokwim River will be closed from Bogus Creek downstream to a line between Oscarville and Napaskiak.

Preliminary harvest information from the August 24 commercial period in Subdistrict 1-A was 3,036 coho; 18 chum; and 2 sockeye salmon from 81 permit holders. The coho salmon harvest and catch rate were below average for that date.

The Department does not anticipate announcing any further commercial fishing periods in District 1 for the remainder of the 2012 commercial fishing season. The Bethel Test Fishery will not be operating after August 26.

Further announcements will be made from the Bethel ADF&G office, on the state web site (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), and local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies.

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